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PRESIDENT: State your point.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Today is the birthday of a very distinguished colleague of ours, and I would like to call it to the body's attention. Today is the 27th birthday of my good friend Bill Nichol of Scottsbluff.

PRESIDENT: Congratulations Senator Nichol. When will you be old enough to become a dime?

SENATOR NICHOL: I guess twice from now.

PRESIDENT: When you are 54. Congratulations Senator Nichol. Best wishes.

We will do Select File. We only have four bills here. LB819.

CLERK: LB819 was considered by the Legislature yesterday. The E & R amendments have been adopted. An amendment by Senator Mills was adopted and an amendment by Senator Kelly was adopted. There is now a motion by Senator Chambers to indefinitely postpone.

PRESIDENT: You want to Call for the question? You are out of order Senator DeCamp. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. The other day I heard something said that is going to make me try and stick to what the rules require of us, which is to discuss the issue which is contained in the motion. Because some people had said we were acting like some employees in a circus who dress and look funny. I don't want to do that this morning and I hope that nobody else does it. However, I believe that any Senator who can use the rules to make his point should be allowed to do so. So, I am saying this as a tribute to Senator DeCamp's noble effort this morning, and I may try and slip by on the same thing that he tried. If people are not alert, maybe I'll make it. But on this motion, the reason that I am offering it is primarily, I have complaints against the bill, but the amendment that was adopted yesterday penalizes a person who does apply for Social Security while being entitled to unemployment compensation. I know that the merits of the bill, or in my mind, the demerits of the bill have been discussed time and time again. However, whenever a serious matter is before the Legislature it must be discussed seriously. I feel that the bill, without the amendment, and I'll be completely frank with you is still unacceptable and I would not vote for it. But, if the bill does pass, then I think that amendment that was actually accepted yesterday ought not be a part of it. If you insist on passing the bill, you will at least be aware that a last ditch effort was made to call to your attention what you have done by adopting that amendment. I have made the motion that the bill be indefinitely postponed. However, in the interest of time and since there will be other opportunities to withhold a vote and not allow the bill to move, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the motion to indefinitely postpone.